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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRESS SUMMARY

1. HIGHLIGHTS. WEDNESDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE CRISIS SOLVED IN ISRAEL, MIER AND DAYAN TO STAY IN NEW CABINET, MRS. MIER TO FINISH SETTING UP NEW COALITION TODAY; RODINO PANEL BIDS LAWYERS OBTAIN GRAND JURY DATA, LAWYERS FOR HALDEMAN AND EHRLICHMAN MOVE TO BLOCK SUBMISSION OF SECRET GRAND JURY REPORT DEALING WITH NIXON TO HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE; MITCHELL LINKED TO VESCO BY SEARS. NYTIMES HAS BRITISH PROPOSING 35 FOR MINERS, TWICE HEATH'S BID; SELASSIE PLEDGES TO SEEK DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. WASHPOST HAS WILSON CHOOSES CABINET OF MODERATES; CAMBODIAN REBEL UNITS SEEK TO DEFECT TO LON NOL GOVERNMENT.

1A. NYTIMES INSIDE HAS GROMYKO RETURNS TO SYRIA AFTER 5-DAY VISIT TO CAIRO, WITH TANNER REPORTING EGYPT'S GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS PRAISING SOVIET UNION'S LONG-STANDING SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE AFTER GIVING MUCH PUBLICITY TO KISSINGER; ARABS DENY PLOT TO KILL KISSINGER, SPOKESMAN FOR PALESTINIAN GUERILLAS SAID REPORTS OF ASSASSINATION PLOT
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"BASELESS", ACCORDING REUTERS; CHINESE CAMPAIGN AIMED AT

BOSSES, FACTORY MANAGERS ACCUSED OF PUTTING PRODUCTION
AHEAD OF IDEOLOGY; SOVIET AND WEST GERMANY AGREE TO SEEK

OUT JOINT INVESTMENTS, OPERATING IN THIRD COUNTRIES
WITH MIXED SOVIET-GERMAN CAPITAL, MANAGEMENT AND PRO-
DUCTION.

1B. WASHPOST INSIDE HAS SENATE PANEL EYES DEFENSE BUDGET
CUTS; SOVIET DEPUTY FONMIN FIRYUBIN VISITS JAKARTA;
BREZHNEV SPEECH AT CLOSED MEETING PRINTED, FOR FIRST-TIME
IN YEARS; GROMYKO ENDS VISIT TO CAIRO IN LOW KEY, LEECH
REPORTING IF GROMYKO'S VISIT WAS INTENDED TO HELP RECOUP
SOME OF IMPETUS SOVIETS HAVE LOST AS FRIEND TO ARABS BE-
CAUSE OF KISSINGER'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY IN REGION, IT AP-
PEARS TO HAVE HAD LIMITED SUCCESS; ALSO, INFLATION, UN-
EMPLOYMENT UPROOTING LIVES IN VIETNAM.

2. EEC ARAB OFFER. NYTIMES BINDER WASHINGTON REPORTS
STATE DEPARTMENT COMPLAINED TODAY THAT EEC FAILED TO CON-
SULT US IN ADVANCE OF ITS OFFER OF LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AND
TECHNICAL COOPERATION TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES, VEST SAYING
AT AN AFTERNOON BRIEFING: US WAS NOT CONSULTED ON THAT
PARTICULAR ACTIVITY; IT WAS INFORMED ABOUT IT AFTER IT BE-
CAME PUBLIC. BINDER SAYS KISSINGER WAS INFORMALLY ADVISED
OF EEC PLAN SUNDAY IN BONN TALKS WITH BRANDT AND SCHEEL.
ACCORDING BINDER, KISSINGER WAS SAID TO BE NETTLED MORE BY
THE FORM IN WHICH THE DECISION WAS COMMUNICATED TO HIM--
BY TELEPHONE IN MIDST OF HIS NATO BRIEFING SESSION--THAN
BY ITS SUBSTANCE; AND AT A BRUSSELS NEWS CONFERENCE HE
SAID HE COULDN'T COMMENT UNTIL HE WAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED
WHICH WAS AT 5 P.M. AT WEST GERMAN EMBASSY BY CURRENT
MARKET CHAIRMAN SCHEEL. BINDER ADDS EUROPEANS HAVE
USUALLY COMPLAINED THAT THEY AREN'T ADEQUATELY CONSULTED
IN ADVANCE BY US, NOW KISSINGER,S AIDES SAY HE FEELS
EUROPEANS DECLINE TO CONSULT BEFORE MAKING THEIR DECI-
SIONS AND TEND TO PRESENT THEM AS ACCOMPLISHED FACTS, VEST
SAYING: CONSULTATION IS NOT BEING INFORMED AFTERWARD,
ADDING US RESERVES RIGHT TO TAKE SUCH SIMILAR ACTION IF
IT BECOMES APPROPRIATE; IT IS NOT A QUESTION WHETHER THEY
SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE, THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE EUROPEAN
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GROUP AS A UNIT SPEAKS AND ACTS ON A BASIS OR DEGREE OF
CONSULTATION WHICH IS TO BE REASONABLY EXPECTED AMONG
FRIENDS. BINDER ADDS KISSINGER WAS SAID TO BE CONCERNED
THAT MARKET OFFER TO ARABS MIGHT CUT ACROSS HIS EFFORT TO
CREATE A JOINT APPROACH BY OIL-CONSUMING WESTERN STATES
TOWARD OIL PRODUCERS. ACCORDING BINDER, KISSINGER'S AIDES
SAY HE IS UPSET BY COMMON MARKET DECISION BECAUSE HE
THINKS THE NINE ALWAYS GO FOR THE LOWEST COMMON DENOMINA-

TOR, IN THIS CASE FRENCH POLICY, WHICH IS AIMED AT SEPARATING EUROPE FROM US IN ALL FIELDS EXCEPT DEFENSE. RECENTLY ASKED WHETHER US WOULD REACH A POINT WHERE IT WOULD

FEEL COMPELLED TO FACE THE FRENCH HEAD-ON, KISSINGER WAS REPORTED TO HAVE MURMURED: IT MIGHT COME TO THAT, BINDER SAYS.

2A. WASHPOST MARDER SAYS IN NEW TRANSATLANTIC FLAREUP US PROTESTED IT WAS NOT CONSULTED, ADDING US WAS AWARE THE ARAB INITIATIVE WAS ON COMMART AGENDA BUT US OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE CAUGHT BY SURPRISE WHEN THE NINE RUSHED AHEAD WITH A SPECIFIC DOCUMENT, A SPECIFIC INVITATION AND A SPECIFIC PROGRAM. ACCORDING MARDER, VEST SAID US CLAIMS NO VETO OVER ACTIVITY OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BUT THIS PROCEDURE RAISES SOME QUESTIONS IN OUR MINDS ABOUT THE NATURE OF CONSULTATION. OF VEST'S LANGUAGE MARDER SAYS BY DIPLOMATIC STANDARDS THOSE ARE CAUSTIC WORDS AMONG ALLIES, ADDING THAT SEN. RIBICOFF SAID: IF I HAVE EVER SEEN THE BACK OF A HAND GIVEN TO A NATION, IT WAS IN THIS MORNING'S PRESS; THE COMMUNITY HAS REALLY THROWN THE GAUNTLET TO THE US. MARDER SAYS ONE EUROPEAN COMMENTED THAT KISSINGER ONCE AGAIN IS DELIBERATELY ACTING AS THE AGGRIEVED PARTY IN ORDER TO GET BARGAINING POWER. AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB HORST EHMKE, BONN'S MINISTER FOR TECHNOLOGY, SAID HE SAW NO CONFLICT BETWEEN COMMART DECISION AND ACTION OF WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE WHICH HE CALLED A FAR-SIGHTED AMERICAN INITIATIVE.

3. OIL CONFERENCE. NYTIMES DE ONIS KUWAIT REPORTS THAT MEETING OF ARAB OIL MINISTERS TO BE HELD IN LIBYA SUNDAY HOLDS OUT STRONG PROSPECTS FOR A RELAXATION OF OIL RESTRICTIONS INCLUDING EMBARGO, ACCORDING ARAB DIPLOMATS, UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT THERE WERE INDICATIONS OF CONTINUING DOUBTS OVER A COMPLETE ABANDONMENT OF THE OIL WEAPON UNTIL MORE PROGRESS IS MADE ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORIES AND KEY TO WHAT IS DECIDED IS EXPECTED TO BE POSITION OF SYRIA. TIMES INSERTS THAT IN WASHINGTON KISSINGER SAW NIXON AND SOURCES FORECAST END OF EMBARGO AND DROP IN OIL PRICES.

4. RUSSIAN RELATIONS. NYTIMES MOSCOW SPECIAL REPORTS BREZHNEV YESTERDAY RECEIVED PERSONAL LETTER FROM NIXON AND SPENT HOUR AND 45 MINUTES DISCUSSING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL. STOESSEL'S LONG AUDIENCE, THE DAY AFTER FORMALLY BEING ACCREDITED, WAS TAKEN AS INDICATION THAT BREZHNEV WANTED TO IMPART NEW SENSE OF MOVEMENT TO SOVIET-AMERICAN ACCOMMODATION DESPITE DEADLOCKED NEGOTIATIONS ON

SUCH ISSUES AS TRADE AND SALT. BOTH SIDES TERMED MEETING
CONSTRUCTIVE BUT NEITHER WOU
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